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## DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 7 December 1956

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory (part of mtg), Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell, Sheldon, Gen. Truscott, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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a) Referred [redacted] State cables from Vienna respecting the Austrian government's comments on the activities of RFE and noted he had asked Cord Meyer to look into this. The Director said it was not quite clear to him what RFE is trying to do there and commented that the practice of putting Hungarian refugees on the radio and identifying them as such may be the reason why the Austrians are wavering in their support. Mr. Helms suggested the Director might like to bring this problem to Amb. Grew's attention and request his assistance. The Director agreed and noted his intention of first touching base with Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy and asked [redacted] to remind him to do this.

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b) Noted a cable [redacted] requesting views of the effect of the Suez blockage and curtailment of Middle East oil and stated in his opinion we should have requested this information from the Department of State and commented he had the distinct impression that about one-third of the work CIA is now doing is purely State Department business. Mr. Amory said the data asked for was required for an NIE. Mr. Helms commented that in concurring in this message he had no idea that the response would be so voluminous and suggested that should similar information be required in the future we request it from the Department of State [redacted]

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c) Noted his intention of raising at the next OCB meeting the fact that U.S. officials stationed in iron curtain countries are not talking and fraternizing with the people of the country to which they are accredited and as a result we are failing to

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obtain a good deal of intelligence information. The Director said he realized this problem presents a problem within itself since in a number of these countries the locals are prohibited from talking to Americans. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in a recent conversation with a returning newspaperman from Moscow he had been advised that apparently Amb. Bohlen had put some restraint on Embassy officials talking with U. S. reporters in Moscow.

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d) Noted a cable [ ] containing information on the current situation in North Vietnam and asked AD/CI to include a roundup on that country in an early edition of the CIB.

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f) Noted a telegram he received asking him or his designated representative to appear before a U.S./Lithuanian group which is to meet in Washington in the near future and noted while he would not do this, he would leave it to Mr. Helms as to whether [ ] or some other qualified officer should.  
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**General Cabell:**

a) Referred to the agreement to pass on to [ ] information on [ ] gathered from [ ] and other sources and suggested that this be broadened to include [ ] and [ ] The Director approved. ACTION: DD/I and DD/P

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**Mr. Wisner:**

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b) Noted he had been advised that the U.S. will soon fire an inter-continental ballistic missile and CIA may be asked for comment on the impact of the publicity given to this in foreign countries.

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**Col. White:**

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Received the Director's approval to handle direct with Gen. Wyman his proposed visit

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